केन्द्रीय सरकार से कोई अनुरोध किया गया है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(च) वर्ष 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 और 1993-94 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में वर्ष-वार कुल कितनी मात्रा में निर्यात किया गया है ?

(वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) तथा (च) वाणिज्य मंत्रालय निर्यात के बारे में राज्य वार आंकड़े नहीं रखता है ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Study on global demand of tobacco

841. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tobacco Board has made any study on ways to cater to increased blobal demand for various' kinds of tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of action plan chalked out by the Tobacco Board to meet the global demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government sad constituted a Committee to consider the long term strategy for FCV tobacco which inter-alia studied the global market I rends and demand projections.

(b) Some of the recommendations of the Committee included—

(i) reorienting production and development strategies to meet changing international needs (ii) increasing productivity levels of Indian tobacco by achieving varietal brenk-through (iii) reduction in levels of pesticide residue in Indian tobacco (it effecting further economy in production costs.

Some steps taken by the Tobacco Board in consonance wits these recommendations are:—

(i) organisations of Community Grading Centres to improve grading to international standards, (ii) Identification of light soil areas- suitable for FCV tobacco in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh (iii) discouraging tobacco cultivation in saline/low lying lands (iv) encouraging research through Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) to evolve low tar and low nicotine FCV varities (v) undertaking exension for adopting a suitable package of agricultural products and curing techniques to reduce production cost (vi) collection and analysis of samples in association with CTRI to monitor and control pesticide residues.

International Trade Centre in Lucknow

842. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to stated

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh *has* set up an International Trade Centre in Lucknow; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by the Centra' Government to the State Government for promoting exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government is not aware of any such centre set up by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

lb) Does not arise.

Export of cars

843. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government save any proposal under consideration to increase the export of ears during the current year;

(b) if so. the demand of different makes of cars in various countries; and

(c) the targets fixed for the export of such cars during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government is implementing various promotional schemes for promoting exports of various goods including cars. A growth rate of 12.4 per cent during the current year in exports of engineering goods including cars has been projected.

(b) According to the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC). some of the countries' to wsich cars from India are being exported are Argentina, Australia, Egypt, Greece, Germany and Nepal.

(c) The export target for complete vehicles including cars and two-three wheelers) has been fixed at Rs. 925 crores for 1994-95.

Effect of GATT on India's Ten Trading

844. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whetser the GATT Treaty will affect the tea trading of India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and *(b)* The GATT Treaty has resulted in reduction of tariffs by a number of major importers of Indian tea. It is ikely to have a positive impact on exports of tea depending upon the competitiveness of Indian tea in the international market.

Import of Gold

845. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of gold imported during the last three years aongwith the names of tse countries of imports and the agencies through which it was imported: and

(b) steps taken to encourage gold mining in tse country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Gold is included in the Negative List, of Imports of the Export and Import Policy, 1992-97 and thug cannot be imported freely. It can, however, be imported under following schemes:—

(i) Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Scheme.

(ii) Special Import Licences granted to eligible categories of exporters.

(iii) Import of gold by NRIs.

A statement indicating details of gold imported during last three years is given sere. (*See* below).

(b) With a view to encourage mining in the country, a new National Mineral Policy was announced and consequential amendments were made in the MMRD Act, 1957, which permits the exploitation of gold by the private sector.